



2006 ACIP RECOMMENDED SCHEDULE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

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WAC 246-100-166 references the 2006 ACIP Recommended Childhood and Adolescent Immunization Schedule. This schedule changes the 11-12 year booster for Td (tetanus and diphtheria) to Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis). The requirement to show proof of vaccination with DTaP (diphtheria, tetanus, and pertussis) at 2, 4, 6, and 15-18 months, and 4 – 6 years has not changed.

The new requirement will be implemented incrementally over a seven year period. The following plan outlines the implementation process for the new requirement for a Tdap booster.

Initial Implementation

As of July 1, 2007, children attending 6th grade are required to show proof of Tdap vaccination if it has been five years since receiving a DTaP or Td vaccine. Documentation on the CIS (Certificate of Immunization Status) form must include one of the following:

- Date (day, month & year) of vaccination
- Exemption from immunity based on a medical, religious, or personal reason

Incremental Implementation

The school entry requirement to show proof of Tdap vaccination will expand from 6th grade the first year of implementation (2007-2008 school year) to 6th grade through 12th grade by the seventh year of implementation (2013-2014 school year). The following table illustrates the incremental progress for Tdap implementation:

- SY 2007-2008 – grade 6
- SY 2008-2009 – grades 6 and 7
- SY 2009-2010 – grades 6, 7, and 8
- SY 2010-2011 – grades 6, 7, 8, and 9
- SY 2011-2012 – grades 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
- SY 2012-2013 – grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11
- SY 2013-2014 – grades 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12

The Department of Health encourages schools, within existing resources, to include children in older age groups and grades beyond those identified in the incremental implementation plan beginning with 12th grade and working down through the lower grades.

Until the school entry requirement for 12th grade is implemented, schools must provide a written recommendation to all graduating seniors encouraging them to consult with their medical provider regarding the need for a Tdap booster.

Child Care/Preschool Entry:

School-aged children in before and after-school child care must meet the immunization requirements for their grade in school.